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Application of : John Fitzgerald et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116**

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**AMENDMENTS**

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed September 27, 2006, in the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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